

Comprehensive and Strategic Plans for Public Transportation

2008 Update Plan

Regional Transit Committee

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Today's Presentation

- Introduction to Metro Transit long range planning documents
- Proposed approach and schedule to update the comprehensive and strategic plans
- Proposed committee work plan
- When and how each scope element will be addressed
- Introduction to how we propose to integrate the two documents into a single publication



Metro Transit's Long Range Planning Documents

- The Comprehensive Plan provides long range goals and objectives, and broad policies governing Metro Transit
- The Strategic Plan specifies actions and investments needed to advance objectives over ten-year period
- These documents are the primary planning documents guiding transit development

Legislative Direction

- Motion 12506 restructured Metro Transit's planning documents
 - Goals, objectives, and policies in the **Comprehensive Plan for Public Transportation**
 - Strategies and ten year implementation plans in the **Strategic Plan for Public Transportation**
 - Called for updates to both documents in 2008
- Motion 12632 described 2008 update scope

2007 Strategic Plan Update Had Limited Scope

- Updated service strategies to incorporate Transit Now improvements and phasing
- Added new strategies to address streetcars and transit-oriented development
- Updated text throughout the document to reflect current conditions and plans

2008 Update Scope Items Addressed by Motion 12632

- Update should address the following elements, along with other items identified by staff or through public outreach
 - Improved Planning Context section
 - Address emerging issues
 - Reflect regional transportation projects
 - Monitoring and management strategies
 - Further development of Transit Now program
 - Specific capital/operating program issues

Proposed Update Process

- January – July 2008: Review issues and potential changes to policies or strategies
- September 2008: Transmittal of document and proposed ordinance
- September and October 2008: RTC review; solicit public and agency feedback
- December 2008: Proposed adoption

Review of Issues and Potential Policy and Strategy Changes

- Issues will be presented to RTC in two steps at consecutive meetings:
 - Brief introduction: What's at issue, and what's at stake for transit?
 - Discuss topic: Background, analysis, and recommended policy or strategy changes
- RTC staff committee and Transit Advisory Committee consulted prior to each meeting

Proposed RTC Work Plan: February through June

- **February:** Document outline and goals/objectives
- **March:** Emerging issues: Health/Environment, Transportation Pricing, Transit Mitigation of Major Construction Projects
- **April:** Operating Program, including Service Quality, Security and Marketing
- **May:** Monitoring and Management: Service and Facility Development Guidelines
- **June:** Recommended policy / strategy changes

Other Document Changes

- Not every scope element will result in a change to policy or strategy language.
- Text changes will be reviewed by RTC when the complete document is transmitted.
- Examples of text changes include:
 - Improvements to the Planning Context section
 - Information on regional transportation projects
 - Further development of the Transit Now program
 - Elements of the Operating and Capital programs

Public Outreach

- During plan development, ongoing dialogue with local jurisdiction staff and the transit advisory committee
 - Will confer prior to meeting with the RTC
- Formal public outreach program during Fall of 2008, once complete plan is transmitted
 - Will maintain website and feedback form
 - Public meetings in each subarea

Questions?

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